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In re Application of:

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Application No. 10/577,657 : TC/Art Unit: 2872  
Filed: May 1, 2006 : Examiner: Derek Chapel  
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**NOTICE OF RELATED APPLICATIONS**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP 2001.06(b), Applicants hereby inform the Examiner that the following U.S. patent applications are assigned to the same entity as the present patent application, and are believed to be classified in related technologies.

Application No. 09/677,685, filed October 2, 2000, now Patent No. 6,631,226;

Application No. 09/563,694, filed May 3, 2000, now Patent No. 6,563,632;

Application No. 09/564,322, filed May 3, 2000, now Patent No. 6,486,458; and

Application No. 09/129,342, filed August 5, 1998, now Patent No. 6,167,173.

A listing of the above documents is submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08A, in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98, copies of U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications are not submitted.

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It is suggested that the Examiner review these applications and any references cited therein for possible relevance to the present case.

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### **CONCLUSION**

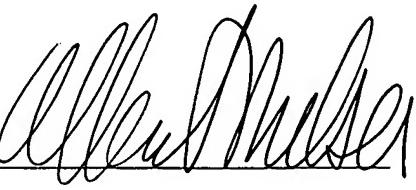
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A, and to similarly indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the listed documents have been considered.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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